REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2007. This Office Action was made final as per M.P.E.P. §706.07(a). In this Office Action, claims 1-10 and 12-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0078069) in view of Richards et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,921, hereinafter Richards). In this Office Action, claims 1, 9, 16 and 19 have been amended. Claims 8, 12, 13, 17 and 20 have been cancelled while the remaining claims are unchanged.

On page 9 of the Office Action, it is indicated that this Office Action is made final according to M.P.E.P. §706.07(a). Applicant respectfully notes that independent claim 19 was unamended in the previous response. However, a new reference, Richards, was cited under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) to reject claim 19 in the current Office Action. Applicant respectfully notes that according to M.P.E.P. §706.07 "a second or any subsequent action on the merits in any application or patent undergoing reexamination proceedings will not be made final if it includes a rejection, on newly cited art, other than information submitted in an information disclosure statement filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p), **of any claim not amended by applicant or patent owner in spite of the fact that other claims may have been amended to require newly cited art.**" (emphasis added) Applicant therefore respectfully requests that, at a minimum, a new non-final Office Action be issued since claim 19 was not amended but a new reference not submitted in the information disclosure statement was cited to reject it. **It is respectfully pointed out that no amendment made herein raises new issues and all amendments made herein are appropriate after final.**

Certainly, the examiner would not need to issue a new non-final Office Action if the claims are allowed in the present form. With the present response, applicant is proposing that the elements of certain dependent claims be moved into independent claim counterparts. For reasons that are discussed in detail below, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable in present condition.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation from previous claim 8 of "arranging the plurality of elements in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic

structural components." The Office Action cited Column 1, line 65 of Richards as teaching arranging the plurality of elements in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components.

The present application is focused on a structured task name process. A discipline is imposed on naming of tasks such that they can be easily sorted, displayed, checked, edited, localized and the like. A task name parameter can be established to which task names are conformed. The words or terms used to represent a grammar element within the task name parameter are drawn from an element-specific control grammar. A sample grammar is shown in Applicant's specification on page 11 and consists of four elements comprising: action/object/semantic-relation/secondary object. This sample grammar is arranged in a predetermined order of linguistic structural components. The Office Action asserts that Richards teaches this limitation at column 1, line 65 where the phrase "natural language" is used. This phrase does not indicate that elements should be arranged in a predetermined linguistic order. Nowhere in the cited sections of Richards does it teach of a plurality of elements that together form a task identifier, and arranging the plurality of elements in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to include the limitation from claim 13, namely that the action element is "delineated as being affiliated with more than one taxonomic category." The Office Action indicated that Moore disclosed claim 9 at paragraph 0039. It is asserted that the find function disclosed in paragraph 0039 is an action element. However, the find functionality described in that paragraph has little or nothing to do with the action component of a task identifier as pointed out above. The find function pointed out in paragraph 0039 is a utility to allow a user to find a document. The action element of claim 9 is a common or compound verb and serves as a classification (application pg. 11, para. 3). For at least this reason, independent claim 9 is believed to be in allowable form. It is further believed that the Moore reference does not teach of an action element which is delineated as being affiliated with more than one taxonomic category.

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Claim 16 has also been amended to include "assigning a second taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections; and assigning a second taxonomic category to the first file based on the selection received from the user". The taxonomy over tasks illustratively entails the creation of a multi-layered classification hierarchy. The actual tasks are at the bottom nodes of a tree while different taxonomic categories would extend up the tree (application pg. 15). In some cases the tasks could be categorized into more than one category. For instance, as pointed out on page 16 of the application, a printer could be categorized in three different taxonomic categories, namely, 1) Hardware, 2) Input-Output Devices and 3) Faxes, Printers, and Scanners.

The Office Action on page 8 indicated that Moore discloses assigning a second taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections at paragraph 0035 and FIG. 4A. The Office Action indicated that entering "JL" indicates assigning second taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections. However, as pointed out in paragraph 0035 of Moore, the JL is simply appended to the file name. For instance, Moore reads at paragraph 0035, "Assuming that the user entered "JL", that the created data file is the first in the series created by the document control object, and that the file was created on March 1, 2000, the document control object would generate the file name "X_M_030100_1_JL.wp" for the document." JL is therefore simply put into the file name, as opposed to assigning a second taxonomic category.

The Office Action also indicted that Moore taught "assigning the second taxonomic category to the file based on the selection received from the user" as described in claim 16. As pointed out above, the "taxonomic categories" listed in paragraph 0031 of Moore, such as date or sequential number, are simply appended to the file name. These are therefore not taxonomic categories used for classification, but are additional information included in the file name.

With the present response, independent claim 19 has been amended to include "sorting the plurality of help files based at least in part on a taxonomic category assigned to said element" (emphasis added). The Office Action cited FIG. 6E (element 648) and FIG. 2 (element
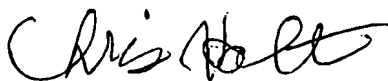
228) of Richards as teaching this limitation. At column 8, paragraph 1 of Richards, there is an answer array 222 as illustrated in FIG. 5A, and it is used to maintain the cumulative values for all answers as well as other information relating the answers. Specifically each entry of the answer array 222 includes an answer number field, a sum field, representing the total cumulative value of points scored by that answer and numerous other fields. Richards therefore teaches of a sum field that can be sorted. The sorting shown in FIG. 6E is based upon this sum field which represents the total cumulative value of points scored by the answer. This is not the same as a taxonomic category which is assigned to an element. For instance, as is shown on page 16 of applicant's specification, taxonomic categories can consist of hardware, input output devices and faxes, printers, and scanners and the taxonomic categorization can also be based on an element and not just an object-element. Notably these taxonomic categories are not included in the generated descriptor itself. Sorting files at least based in part upon a separately assigned taxonomic category is markedly different than sorting help files based on a sum field.

It is respectfully submitted that all the independent claims are in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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